

Dear FCC Decision Makers

Please give prompt consideration to the subject proceeding regarding a mandatory bandplan for the 1.8 mhz amateur radio band. Although there is a voluntary band plan sponsored by the ARRL, it is problematic and very difficult to enforce. The 1.8 mhz band has seen an explosion of activity in the last decade and the rules must be updated to reflect this fact. The original authors of amateur radio band plans organized the ham bands by mode except for the 1.8 mhz band because at that time there was little activity on the band and plenty of spectrum to share between modes. Now, however, this is no longer the case and the rules need to be updated to reflect the vastly expanded activity of recent years. In addition, a lot of the activity is DX, or long distance communication, with weak signal levels making cross mode interference even more troublesome.

Updating the FCC rules should be done as soon as possible!

Sincerely

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